

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Interior Appropriations Conference Report.

The House agreed to the Conference report on H.R. 1119, Department of Defense Authorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11245–S11303

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1321–1328. Pages S11289–90

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 940, to provide for a study of the establishment of Midway Atoll as a national memorial to the Battle of Midway, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–114)

H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–115)

Special Report on Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105–116) Page S11289

Department of the Interior Appropriations Conference Report: By 84 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 283), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S11253–75

ISTEA Authorizations—Cloture Vote: By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 282), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to close further debate on the modified committee amendment to S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs. Page S11250

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of William E. Kennard, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Com-

munications Commission on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 1995.

John C. Angell, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Michael K. Powell, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 1997.

Michael Telson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

Dan Reicher, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy).

Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Policy, Planning, and Program Evaluation).

Gloria Tristani, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 1998.

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M. John Berry, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Pages S11302–03

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Katherine L. Archuleta, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for the remainder of the term expiring May 19, 2000.

Joseph Robert Brame, III, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 1999.

Sallyanne Harper, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

Hank Brown, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring April 6, 2000.

Penne Percy Korth, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2000.

Susanne T. Marshall, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2004. **Page S11303**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S11299–S11300**

Authority for Committees: **Pages S11300–01**

Additional Statements: **Pages S11301–02**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—283) **Pages S11250, S11275**

Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—6) **Page S11250**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Wednesday, October 29, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S11302–03.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology concluded hearings to examine issues with regard to the electronic commerce infrastructure, focusing on proposals to establish uniform national standards for the use of electronic authentication technology by financial institutions, including digital signatures, after receiving testimony from Massachusetts Deputy General Counsel Daniel Greenwood, Boston; Ira H. Parker, Alston and Bird, Alfred M. Pollard, Bankers Roundtable, and Robert D. Kramer, Bank of America, NT&SA, on behalf of the Electronic Commerce Working Group and the Coalition of Service Industries, all of Washington, D.C.; J. Scott Lowry, Digital Signature Trust Company, Salt Lake City, Utah; P. Michael Nugent, Citibank, New York, New York; and Richard Mossburg, Ford Motor Credit

Company, Dearborn, Michigan, on behalf of the Electronic Commerce Forum.

EDUCATION

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine the current state of the national education system, receiving testimony from Richard W. Riley, Secretary, and Pascal D. Forgione, Jr., Commissioner of Education Statistics, both of the Department of Education; and William J. Bennett, Empower America, Washington, D.C., former Secretary of Education.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AIRLINE COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine air service problems affecting certain communities since the deregulation of the airline industry, and proposed legislation to remove certain barriers to promote competition in the domestic airline industry, receiving testimony from Senators Warner and Robb; Representatives Slaughter and Moran; Patrick V. Murphy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs; Gerald Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; David T. Ralston, Jr., Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Alexandria, Virginia; J. Randolph Babbitt, Air Line Pilots Association, International, and Edward P. Faberman, Air Carrier Association of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Charles M. Goodwin, Greater Rochester Metro Chamber of Commerce, Inc., Rochester, New York; Thomas G. Tait, Nevada Commission on Tourism, Carson City, on behalf of the Western States Tourism Policy Council; Lawrence M. Nagin, US Airways, Arlington, Virginia; Cyril Murphy, United Air Lines, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; and Bob Rowen, Reno Air, Inc., Reno, Nevada.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

EPA REGIONAL HAZE RULE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings to examine the potential impacts on, and additional responsibilities for, federal land managers imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on regional haze regulations implementing certain provisions of the Clean Air Act, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Joslin, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Michael Soukup, Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; John S. Seitz,